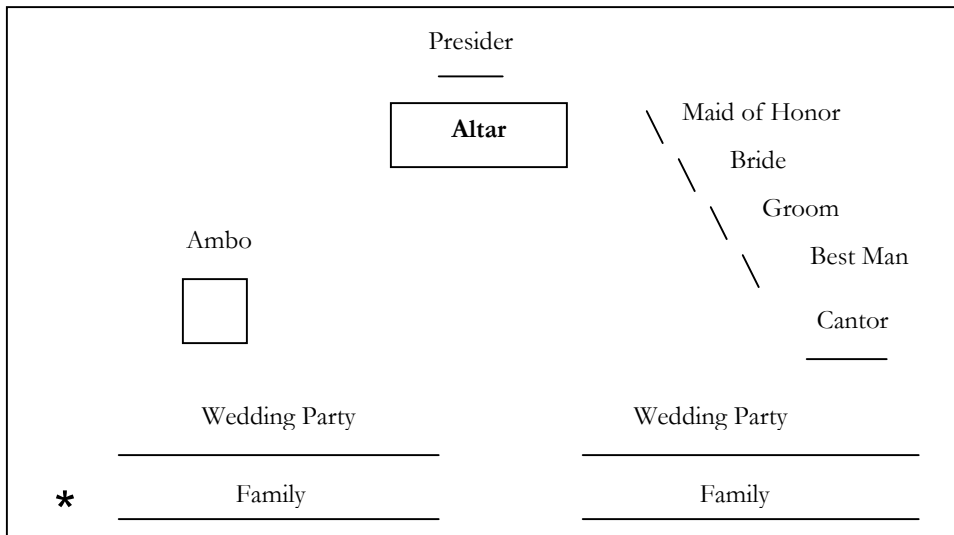


## St. Timothy Parish Wedding Photographer and Videographer Guidelines

As a professional photographer/videographer, we are sure you will appreciate the need for a clear understanding of what is expected of you while doing your job in a wedding celebrated in our Church. We realize that it is important for you to capture photos/videos of your client's wedding. However, we want this to be accomplished without distracting from the sacred character of the wedding celebration. We ask that you respect the following guidelines for weddings at St. Timothy's:

- The wedding ceremony should not be delayed beyond the start time by taking photos/videos at the main entrance of the Church. The bride is expected to arrive at the Church and be out of the car no later than 10 minutes prior to the start time of the wedding. This should insure you adequate time for necessary pictures. If the bride arrives later than 10 minutes before the start time of the ceremony, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to take all of the shots you have planned, as mothers and grandmothers will be seated promptly.
- Once the ceremony begins, you must remain unobtrusive. You may not cross in front of the sanctuary (altar) or block views of the assembly.
- Once the bridal procession is completed, we do not allow any further pictures of the guests attending the wedding, as this detracts from the guests' ability to enter into a spirit of prayer. We are sure that the reception will provide adequate opportunity for candid shots of the guests.
- The photographer/videographer is not allowed in the sanctuary area (altar area) or sacristy during the ceremony.
- The normal set-up for our weddings is shown below.



During the vows, the bride and groom will step to the center, in front of the altar, and face each other. If you have a stationary video camera, please set it up at the \* marked in the diagram. This will allow you the best views of the wedding party throughout the celebration. As the bride and groom move from their seats to the center of the altar for their vows, photographers and videographers are once again reminded not to cross in front of the sanctuary (altar) area to position themselves. You are asked to allow enough time to move to the back of the Church and then to the center aisle if you are choosing to shoot pictures or videos from the center aisle.

- Once all have been seated after the exchange of vows and rings, there are to be **no further pictures or videography** during the Mass with the following exceptions:
  - Family members presenting the gifts of bread and wine;
  - Recessional
- Although it is not forbidden, we encourage you to refrain from flash photography whenever possible.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 781-769-2522.  
The staff of St. Timothy Parish